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SUBJECT: MBFR

1. CALLING ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL ON OTHER MATTERS, SOVIET EMBASSY MINISTER-COUNSELOR VORONTSOV REFERRED TO A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO IN HELSINKI ON JULY 6 CONCERNING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MBFR. ACCORDING TO VORONTSOV, SECRETARY IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT CONVERSATION HAD SUGGESTED BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN US AND SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON REDUCTION OF FORCES IN EUROPE. VORONTSOV SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INQUIRE ABOUT US INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO SUCH CONSULTATIONS, ADDING THAT AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH SECRETARY OR WITH STOESSEL CONCERNING OUR RESPECTIVE APPROACHES TO MATTER OF FORCE REDUCTIONS.

2. STOESSEL SAID HE HAD BEEN PRESENT DURING CONVERSATION IN HELSINKI BETWEEN SECRETARY AND GROMYKO. HE RECALLED THERE HAD BEEN BRIEF, VERY GENERAL REMARKS CONCERNING FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON FORCE REDUCTIONS, BUT HE HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SECRETARY HAD MADE ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL CONCERNING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. AS SECRETARY HAD STATED IN HELSINKI, WE AND OUR ALLIES WERE STILL IN PROCESS OF PREPARING OUR POSITIONS AND STOESSEL SAID HE WAS NOT ABLE AT THIS TIME TO COMMENT ON SUGGESTION

MADE BY VORONTSOV CONCERNING BILATERAL CONTACTS. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT VORONTSOV'S REMARKS. ROGERS

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